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MANUFACTURING SOLAR CELL, AND SOLAR CELL

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**STATUS INQUIRY LETTER**

Sir:

We filed the above application with the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 1, 2003.

As of this date, we have not received a first Office Action from the Patent Office. Kindly advise us of the status of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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